

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
David John Hillis et al.

Serial No.: 10/618,419

Confirmation No.: 7081

Filed: July 11, 2003

For: IMPROVING COLLAPSE
RESISTANCE OF TUBING

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Group Art Unit: 3663

Examiner: Scott A. Hughes

MAIL STOP Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 8, 2008

In response to the Office Action dated September 8, 2008, having a shortened statutory period for response extended one month set to expire on January 8, 2009, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/MRKS/0122/WBP for any deficiencies of fees and credit any overpayment required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.